

St. James
African Methodist Episcopal Church

Newark, New Jersey

REV. D. McNEAL OWENS, Pastor

Presents

Founder's Day Celebration

THEME:

"Moving On — Together"

Sunday, February 11, 1979

At 6:00 p.m.

At
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Routes 1 & 9

Elizabeth, N.J.



Rev. D. McNeil Owens



St. James A.M.E. Church



Mrs. Naomi Owens

Foreword

The Founding Fathers of African Methodism have as their motto: "God our Father, Christ our Redeemer and Man our Brother". This philosophical statement was made during the early life of African Methodism which had its inception in 1787 and for 192 years this has been the outlook of the great African Methodist Episcopal Church. Of these 192 years St. James is proud to boast of the fact that she has been part of this great movement for 137 years.

This organized movement of Christian witnessing was begun in a building on Green Street, Newark, N.J. in 1842 and at that time was known as Bethel A.M.E. Church. This church has grown to be one of the leading lights in Christian character building through the years, and just as our Founding Fathers had as their philosophical outlook this organization is still anxious to build a great society by preaching and living a gospel predicated upon "God our Father, Christ our Redeemer and Man everywhere our Brother". And as Pastor of this great organization I pray that the 137th Anniversary and Founder's Day celebration will continue to inspire the membership to do more for the kingdom of God in the future than they have done in the past.

May God continue to bless the entire membership as we move forward together in helping to build a great society.

Your Pastor

Rev. D. M. Owens

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Richard Allen: Our Founder

RICHARD ALLEN, the first bishop of the A.M.E. Church, was born February 14, 1760, a slave of Benjamin Chew, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At an early age, he with his father, mother and three other children, was sold into the state of Delaware, where, on a farm in the neighborhood of Dover, he was brought up. About 1777 he was converted and soon afterwards, about 1780 he began to preach. His religion was of such genuine sort that it affected every department of his life. As a result his master permitted prayer meeting and preaching in his house, and was converted himself. The master showed his conversion by making it possible for his slaves to become free. Accordingly, Richard Allen and his brother bought their freedom for \$2000.00 Continental money. Richard Allen left his master and began working for himself, with a job of cutting cord wood; then he was employed at \$50.00 (Continental money) a month in a brick yard; then he worked as a day laborer; then as a teamster hauling salt during the Revolutionary War from Rehobar, Sussex County, Delaware. During all of this time he preached whenever he could. After he had acquired experience, he began to travel from place to place preaching. Like Paul, he worked with his hands for his own support as he preached. In the fall of 1783 he was in Wilmington, Delaware; later and until spring of 1784, he traveled and preached in New Jersey, after which he traveled and preached in Pennsylvania.

In February 1786, he came to Philadelphia and preached at St. George's Methodist Church and at different places in that city where there was a large colored population. It was out of St. George's Church that Allen and his followers marched. This was the protest and march which caused the birth of African Methodism.

all time 50 Year Members

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Youth...

Youth is not a time of life ... it is a state of mind. It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips and supple knees ... it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions ... it is a freshness of the deep springs of life.

Youth means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over love of ease. This often exists in a man of fifty more than a boy of twenty.

Nobody grows old merely living a number of years; people grow old by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair ... these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Whether seventy or sixteen, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the sweet amazement of the stars and star-like things and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing child-like appetite for what next, and the joy and game of life.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

In the central place of your heart there is a wireless station; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, courage, grandeur and power from the earth, from men and from the Infinite, so long are you the young.

When the wires are all down and all the central place of your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then are you grown old indeed and may God have mercy on your soul.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Founders' Day — 1979, a time for remembering and rededication to the ideals and precepts of our faith. A time to reflect on our ideals and renew our commitment to perpetuate our religion. This philosophy we attribute to Richard Allen, a man of vision, an anachronism, a man ahead of his time, who, because of his God-given talents served as a magnet for church people exerting the greatest influence on the lives of Black people.

The committee this year has been enlarged and because of the introduction of new ideas creating an interchange among more parishioners, the interaction enabled us to serve better.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Chairperson for this, the most meaningful day in our church calendar. We are very proud to be members of St. James, the leading church in spreading Methodism throughout New Jersey. Our togetherness enables us to continue *Moving on Together*.

Isaac Thomas Jr.
CHAIRPERSON

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Dennis Brown	Evelyn C. Spaight
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Congratulations to St. James A.M.E. Church on their Founder's Day Celebration



Kenneth A. Gibson

MAYOR

City of Newark, New Jersey

Menu

Chilled Fruit Cup

Tossed Salad

Roast Top Sirloin

Baked Potato

Green Beans Almondine

Vanilla Ice Cream/Crushed Strawberries

Rolls

Butter

Beverages



List of Hostesses

BERNICE C. JOHNSON, Chairperson

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Delois Gilliam

Juanita Lattimore

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Sandra Henderson

Program

PROCESSION

OPENING

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING By James Weldon Johnson

*Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.*

INVOCATION Rev. Betty Wilkins

INTRODUCTION OF MASTER OF CEREMONY

MASTER OF CEREMONY

MUSICAL SELECTION The Sermons in Song

DINNER And INCIDENTAL MUSIC

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS Mrs. Corine T. Ballard
Miss Jo An Williams
Mrs. Martha Crumel

MUSICAL SELECTION The Sermons in Song

INTRODUCTION OF THE MAYOR

GREETINGS Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES Mr. William McMillan
Mrs. Margaret Jackson
Mrs. Catherine Murphy
Mrs. Juanita Hardaway
Mr. Harold Cavaness

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Mr. David Graves
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REMARKS Rev. D. M. Owens

REDEDICATION MOMENTS

BENEDICTION

It's A Fact!

Did you know that

The AME Church is 192 years old?

There are eighteen Episcopal Districts in the AME Church — five of which are in foreign countries?

The AME Church has five Conferences: Church, Quarterly, District, Annual and General?

The AME Church supports a total of fifteen colleges, Universities and Seminaries?

Two of these institutions are in Africa — Monrovia College Industrial Inst. — W. Africa; Wilberforce Institute — S. Africa?

There are approximately 3,000,000 members and 8,000 ministers in the AME Church?

The AME Church recognizes only *two* Sacraments:
Baptism and the Holy Communion.

The official Youth Organization of the AME Church is the Allen Christian Endeavor League?

The Episcopal Committee is responsible for placement of Bishops?

The AME Church has six publications? *AME Christian Recorder, AME Church Review, Voice of Missions, The Journal of Religious Ed., Women's Missionary Magazine, Secret Chamber.*

The *AME Review* is the oldest Negro Magazine in the world?

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JAMES JACKSON — Tenor

WILLIAM BRAZIL — Accompanist

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3:30 p.m.

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If we've made any errors in spelling of names or omitted anyone's name, we apologize. Please bring it to the attention of the committee.



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Christ, Our Redeemer
Man, Our Brother



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